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SUBJECT: COLOMBO NON-ALIGNED SUMMIT: LETTER FROM THE SECRETARY

REF: STATE 188805

1. THE SECRETARY'S LETTER TO PRESIDENT DAOUD CONTAINED REFTEL WAS DELIVERED BY ME TO DEPUTY (DE FACTO) FOREIGN MINISTER ABDULLAH JULY 31. I ALSO GAVE ABDULLAH THE TEXT OF THE SECRETARY'S SEATTLE SPEECH AND OF THE PRESIDENT'S ARRIVAL STATEMENT IN PUERTO RICO QUOTED IN STATE 159509.

2. ABDULLAH INDICATED THAT THE GOA UNDERSTANDS AND SUPPORTS OUR POSITION ON BOTH THE PUERTO RICAN AND KOREAN QUESTIONS. THE AFGHAN DIFFICULTY IS THAT THEY DO NOT WISH TO APPEAR ISOLATED WITHIN A NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT OF WHICH THEY REGARD THEMSELVES AS A FOUNDER. ABDULLAH SAID THAT AFTER HIS ARRIVAL IN COLOMBO FOR THE PRELIMINARY FOREIGN MINISTERS MEETING HE WILL BE CONSULTING WITH LIKE-MINDED COUNTRIES SUCH AS INDIA AND INDONESIA TO SEE WHAT CAN BE DONE. BUT HE IS NOT OPTIMISTIC THAT MUCH CAN BE DONE IN LIGHT OF THE CAMPAIGN MOUNTED ON BOTH THESE ISSUES BY THE CUBANS AND THE NORTH KOREANS AIDED AND ABETTED BY COUNTRIES LIKE YUGOSLAVIA. IT IS, NEVERTHELESS, CLEAR THAT THE AFGHANS, INCLUDING DAOUD HIMSELF, ARE TAKING OUR APPROACHES VERY SERIOUSLY.

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